

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to a device for inserting sheets into an envelope;

Group II, claims 14 and 15, drawn to a device for opening an envelope;

Group III, claims 16-18, drawn to a device for continuously feeding of stacks of envelopes;

Group IV, claims 19-21, drawn to a method for inserting sheets into an envelope;

Group IIV, claim 22, drawn to a method for opening an envelope; and

Group VI, claim 23, drawn to a method for continuously feeding of stacks of envelopes.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group 1, Claims 1-13.

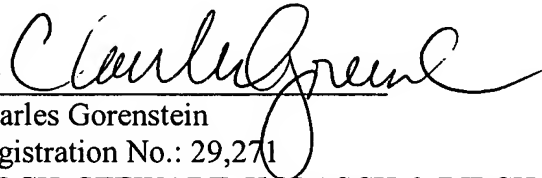
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charles Gorenstein, Registration No. 29,271 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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